



NEW FIRE RESTRICTIONS

San Juan Public Lands



as of June 19, 2002

NOTICE: Fire restrictions on San Juan National Forest and BLM lands in Southwest Colorado (including Canyons of the Ancients National Monument) have been severely tightened to further reduce the risk of human-caused fires. Although this does not amount to a closure of San Juan Public Lands, it will significantly affect public use.

CAMPING IS RESTRICTED

Overnight camping in areas outside of designated Wilderness is allowed only in developed campgrounds staffed by an on-duty host. Backcountry dispersed camping is allowed only within the Weminuche, Lizard Head and South San Juan Wilderness areas.

MOTORIZED TRAVEL IS RESTRICTED

All motorized vehicles must stay on roads designated as open on National Forest and BLM visitor maps and not closed by barriers or gates. No motorized vehicles (ATVs, motorcycles, 4WD) are allowed on trails or off of open roads.

PARKING IS RESTRICTED

Daytime parking is allowed on National Forest and BLM lands only in designated parking areas or immediately adjacent to open roads in areas free of hazardous fuels. Overnight parking is allowed only in developed campgrounds listed above and at Wilderness trailhead parking areas.

CHAINSaws ARE BANNED

Chainsaw use for firewood, posts or pole cutting is prohibited. Firewood cutting with handsaws is allowed.

SMOKING OUTSIDE IS BANNED

Smoking is prohibited except inside an enclosed vehicle or building. Smoking outdoors, even in a cleared area, is prohibited.

OPEN FIRES ARE BANNED

Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler, or a coal or wood burning stove is prohibited everywhere, including inside fire grates in developed recreation areas. Petroleum-fueled stoves and lanterns are still allowed but should be used with extreme caution.

Sparks that cause fires can be generated by:

- hot catalytic converters under vehicles,
 - ATV and motorcycle engines,
- tow chains dragging behind vehicles,
- lawn mower blades hitting rocks

EXPLOSIVES/WELDING ARE BANNED

Use of explosives, welding or acetylene or other torch with an open flame is prohibited.

LOGGING IS RESTRICTED

Authorized commercial logging operations may only operate from 1 a.m. to noon and must include increased safety precautions.

HYDROMOWERS ARE BANNED

Commercial mechanical fuels treatment operations have been cancelled.

OIL & GAS DRILLING IS RESTRICTED

Oil and gas operations are required to take extra fire-prevention measures, including use of high-capacity water pumper trucks, fire extinguishers, fire spotters, and emergency preparedness plans.

FIREWORKS ARE BANNED

Fireworks of any kind are completely prohibited.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Violators of these federal fire restrictions face fines up to \$5,000 and/or up to six months in jail. Those whose actions cause a wildfire may be held liable for the firefighting costs.